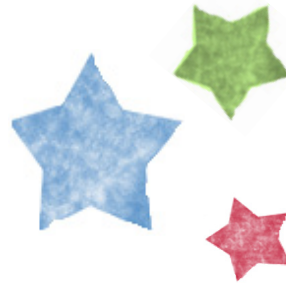




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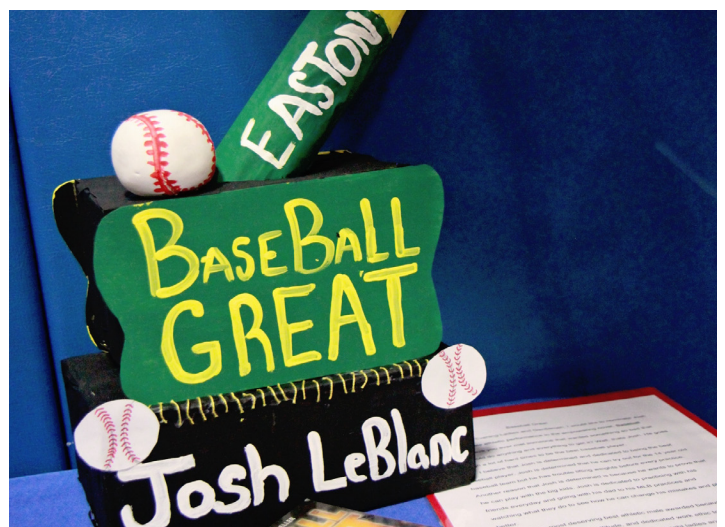


**What's
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Rolling Out the Red Carpet at Bowers School...



Rather than wait until the Academy Awards ceremony next month in Hollywood, the Bowers 5th grade teachers hosted their own Academy Awards Ceremony on December 11th! Teachers, Melissa Emmerich, Pari Ghetia and Katie Jolly, guided their students in an incredible project-based learning opportunity which served to culminate their English/Language Arts Unit. Welcome to the 1st Character Award Awards Celebration! Each 5th grader nominated a book character from a self-selected independent reading book to receive the Character Academy Award. A persuasive speech was written detailing why this character should receive the award using evidence from the book. Rather than Oscar statues, each student also created a three-dimensional award which represented the book's character and theme. Characters from a variety of books were nominated for their perseverance, courage, risk-taking and respect for differences. Family members were invited to this standing room only event! It was a wonderful celebration of all that is learned from reading good books with strong themes and engaging well-developed characters!



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